

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-15, 29 and 30 are currently pending. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in regard to claims 6-8.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15 and 30 have been amended. The amendments to these claims are supported by the description of the CFU in the Description of the Related Art, page 4 lines 5-13, and page 8 lines 13-15. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15 and 30 would still be pending.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1-5, 9-12, 15 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Mark (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,133), Wong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,631,745) or O'Neal et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,064 B1). Claims 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mark, Wong et al. or O'Neal et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims, for the reasons set forth below.

A. CLAIMS 1 and 15

Claims 1 and 15, as amended, are directed to a communication arrangement involving receiving identification information of a calling party notified from a public network when an incoming call is detected at a communication apparatus,

and requesting the public network to activate the call forwarding service such that an incoming call for the communication apparatus is forwarded to the calling party of the identification information.

On the contrary, Wong shows that a remote device can remotely control message retrieval, message recording and fax selection, and forwards fax data received by a facsimile machine itself to the destination.

O'Neal shows that when fax data is received, servers 204 and 126 forward the received fax data to another fax machine of the forwarding number.

Mark shows that a facsimile machine transmits an identification code to a receiving facsimile machine.

In Wong, O'Neal and Mark, however, requesting a call forwarding service provided by a public network from a facsimile machine is not disclosed.

Accordingly, the above claimed features of claims 1 and 15 are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, and are patentably distinguishable over the same. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims are respectfully requested.

B. CLAIM 30

Claim 30, as amended, is directed to an arrangement to receive information designating forward-to site via a public network, and to request the public network to activate a call forwarding service such that an incoming call to a communication apparatus is forwarded to the forwarded-to site.

For similar reasons as discussed above for claims 1 and 15, claim 30 is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, and is patentably distinguishable over the same. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of this claim are respectfully requested.

III. Objection to Claims 6-8

The Examiner has objected to claims 6-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As base claim 1 is believed to be allowable for the reason as discussed above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of these claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4534. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4534. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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